

Broadband Programs

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

A summary of programs expected to bring funds to New Hampshire



Funds shown are one - time only funds unless fiscal year allocations are indicated

Page references to ARRA are to the PDF version of the law posted at the New Hampshire Recovery web site: http://www.nh.gov/recovery/

Questions, project proposals, and suggestions can be submitted to the Office of Economic Stimulus by going to http://www.nh.gov/recovery/ and selecting the "Submit a recommendation" button.

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<u>Program Title:</u> **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program** –

Expanded public computer access

Short Description: Competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity,

including at community colleges and public libraries.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$200,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

("NTIA"), U.S. Department of Commerce

Applying Agency: To be determined. DRED overseeing planning efforts.

Status: Awaiting grant announcement from NTIA

Award Criteria: Not yet announced.

<u>Time Line for use</u>: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602.

Details: ARRA - page 14.

Competitive grants are available for expanding public computer center capacity, including at community colleges and public libraries.

- U.S. Department of Commerce recover website:
 - http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm

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Program Title: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Innovative programs for adoption of broadband

Short Description: Programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$250,000,000

<u>Estimated New Hampshire Funds</u>: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

("NTIA"), U.S. Department of Commerce

Applying Agency: N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development

("DRED")

Status: Awaiting NTIA grant announcement with criteria and deadlines.

Award Criteria: Not yet announced by NTIA.

<u>Time Line for use</u>: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602.

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DRED and University System of New Hampshire are collaborating on conceptual proposals and plan to adopt a unified New Hampshire proposal.

DRED is considering opportunities to link regions within NH and to connect with neighboring states. DRED is also looking at existing projects (e.g., Wireless Link) and more shovel ready projects that result in an impact to the availability of broadband service to end-users in New Hampshire.

- U.S. Department of Commerce recover website:
 - http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm

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Program Title: Distance learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program

Short Description: Grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure in

any area of the United States: Provided further, That at least 75 percent of the area to be served by a project shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service to

facilitate rural economic development.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$2,500,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Applying Agency: To be determined. DRED is working with the

Telecommunications Advisory Board and USNH to develop a New

Hampshire grant proposal.

Status: Awaiting USDA, Rural Utilities Service announcement of grant

conditions and application process

<u>Award Criteria</u>: ARRA establishes the following funding priorities:

• Systems that will deliver end users a choice of more than one service provider;

- Projects that provide service to the highest proportion of rural residents that do not have access to broadband service;
- Applications from borrowers or former borrowers under title II of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 and for project applications that include such borrowers or former borrowers;
- Project applications that demonstrate that, if the application is approved, all project elements will be fully funded:
- Activities that can be completed if the requested funds are provided;
- Activities that can commence promptly following approval;
- No area of a project funded with amounts made available under this paragraph may receive funding to provide broadband service under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

<u>Time Line for use</u>: Awaiting USDA announcement.

Details: ARRA - pages 4-5

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Program Title: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

<u>Short Description</u>: General funds for improvement of broadband opportunities.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$3,900,000,000

<u>Estimated New Hampshire Funds</u>: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

("NTIA"), U.S. Department of Commerce

Applying Agency: N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development

("DRED")

Status: Awaiting NTIA announcement of grant conditions and deadlines,

DRED, Telecommunications Advisory Board, and USNH are

working to develop a unified New Hampshire proposal

Award Criteria: Minimum of one grant in each State. Waiting for further criteria to

be announced by NTIA

<u>Time Line for use</u>: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602

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